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WASHINGTON, October 23, 1985 -- Deliveries of new freight cars in September totaled 1,020, compared with 1,034 in August and 1,465 in September 1984, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative deliveries for the first nine months of this year came to 9,072, compared with 9,080 a year ago.

Orders for new cars in September totaled 153, the lowest figure since June 1983, when 150 cars were ordered. The September figure compares with 770 orders in August and 775 in September 1984. Orders so far this year totaled 6,855, compared with 12,606 in the first three quarters of 1984.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered on October 1 was 2,583, compared with 3,594 on September 1, and 5,616 on October 1, 1984.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 75 new locomotives were placed in service in September, compared with 123 in August and 22 in September a year ago.

As of October 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered totaled 162, compared with 230 the previous month and 207 on October 1 a year earlier.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on October 1 was 22,818, compared with 22,813 on September 1, and 24,652 on October 1, 1984.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	September		August	Nine Months	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
Built New by Car Builders	1,020	1,465	1,034	8,666	9,080
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	406	0
Built New - Total	1,020	1,465	1,034	9,072	9,080
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,020	1,465	1,034	9,072	9,080
Locomotives	75	22	123	448	365

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	153	775	770	6,855	12,356
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	250
To be built New - Total	153	775	770	6,855	12,606
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	153	775	770	6,855	12,606

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	October 1		September 1	Average	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
To be built New by Car Builders	2,583	5,366	3,594	3,875	6,289
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	250	0	31	111
To be built New - Total	2,583	5,616	3,594	3,906	6,400
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	2,583	5,616	3,594	3,906	6,400
Locomotives	162	207	230	249	170

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the October 1, 1985 backlog has been reduced by 144 cars.

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